Reading: The world in 2050

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| Group: | | | |

Exercise 1: Read the following predictions about the world in 2050 and say if you agree or disagree with each of them.

| Prediction | Do you agree? | | |
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| People won't get sick anymore. | Yes, I agree | No, I disagree | |
| Humans will obtain resources from out of the Earth. | Yes, I agree | No, I disagree | |
| More people will be multilingual. | Yes, I agree | No, I disagree | |
| Wars will disappear. | Yes, I agree | No, I disagree | |
| Global warming will be one of the main world problems. | Yes, I agree | No, I disagree | |
| Humankind won't have any problems | Yes, I agree | No, I disagree | |
| Food will be a problem because of the many people on our planet. | Yes, I agree | No, I disagree | |
| We will travel to other planets | Yes, I agree | No, I disagree | |

Exercise 2: Read the following text and say if Samuel, Lea and Steven feel optimistic or pessimistic about the world in 2050.

| Person | How do they fe | How do they feel about 2050? | | |
|--------|----------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Samuel | Optimistic | Pessimistic | | |
| Lea | Optimistic | Pessimistic | | |
| Steven | Optimistic | Pessimistic | | |



Exercise 3: Read the text again and select who says the following predictions about the year 2050.

| Prediction | Who says that? | | |
|--|----------------|-----|--------|
| More people will be multilingual. | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| Wars will disappear. | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| Food will be a problem because of the many people on our planet. | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| Humans will obtain resources from out of the Earth. | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| People will live more years than we do now | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| We will travel to other planets | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| Global warming will be one of the main world problems. | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| People won't get sick anymore. | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| Humankind won't have any problems | Samuel | Lea | Steven |
| We will have only one president who will rule all the world. | Samuel | Lea | Steven |

Read the texts and do the exercises



Samuel, 27

I think a lot of things will change in 2050. India will overtake China as the first largest economy in the world, but the country will have many problems with its demographics. The world will also have a lot of problems with the pollution and the climate changing. We will need to find other resources, because there will be more than nine billion people on



Earth in 2050. We will also need to build spaceships to travel to the Moon and to Mars, because we will have to take resources from these places.

Lea, 25

Our world won't be the same in 2050. We will improve our technology and everybody will be able to speak at least five languages. People will live longer and we won't have health problems, because we will improve our knowledge on medicine. We will also live in peace and the different countries won't have nuclear weapons anymore. We will also have a single world



government as we already have the *IMF* (*International Monetary Fund*). I think 2050 will be a great year for mankind!



Steven, 29

I hope that the world countries will be able to overcome the different issues in 2050. We will live in peace and won't have any wars anymore. We will be able to explore the space and to find other habitable planets. We will perhaps find other intelligent Beings on other planets in 2050.